



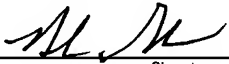
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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**AMENDMENT**

The following is an Amendment, which is being submitted concurrently with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination.

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated March 21, 2006, which provides for a response period ending June 21, 2006.

A Petition for Extension of Time, to extend the response period for the Office Action, dated March 21, 2006, for one additional month to July 21, 2006, is being filed concurrently.

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Amendment dated July 21, 2006  
Reply to Office Action of March 21, 2006

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: